



Public Governance and State Building – Role of New Technologies

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This article examines the role governments should have to foster state building. We believe that an active role, combined with simple inexpensive changes to public governance in developing countries, can promote sustainable development, regional development and public involvement in the decision-making process. These changes consist of both alternative bureaucratic processes and new technologies, which include internet and software-based solutions that increase knowledge, speed up the decision-making process and increase its transparency.

Public governance has evolved through time to include and rely on innovations as it evolved, although it has notoriously been slow to do so. Today it is no different: we will show that new but reliable and tested technology is still not used to its full potential. We believe that policy frameworks should also be altered and the impact of science and technology fostered to include all interested parties in all stages of the decision-making process.

This article will examine a variety of policy measures, which can promote involvement in the decision making process, including specific recommendations to policy-makers in developing countries, and concentrating on the sub-Saharan Africa region.

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